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In re application of:

Manabu Kitamura et al.

Application No.: 09/697,088

Filed: October 25, 2000

For: A COMPUTER SYSTEM AND
DATA SHARING METHOD BETWEEN
COMPUTERS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 3076

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 25, 2004 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.